COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE

SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at An Crùbh

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Present:

Rob Ware

Tim Shone

Flora Maclean

Veana Cleland

Roddy Murray

John Duncan MacInnes

Kirsty McGonagall

In Attendance: William Swann, Ruth Swann, Norman Sandeman, Jan Macdonald, Councillor John Finlayson

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting 5th March 2019**

Roddy Murray welcomed members of the pubic to the meeting and especially to Councillor Finlayson

The minutes of the meeting of were moved by Veana Cleland and Tim Shone

**Matters Arising:**

John Muir Trust will be joining the DMG and the minutes were approved.

**Agenda**

**Community Council Review**

Rob welcomed Councillor Finlayson and gave an update on the new scheme of alignment between Elected Members and CCs. John F will align to Sleat, Kyleakin/Kylerhea, Broadford and Strath, Sconser. Councillor gave the background to this change. Rob will circulate the alignments across Skye and Raasay. John also shares the education and care committee of the HC and felt that the south Skye CCs are perceived to be very proactive and he will be in an advisory role. The ongoing Scottish consultation on CCs will cover the whole country and SCC had already had meetings locally. Localism is very much high on the agenda and how this affects communities. Roddy Murray criticised some Members that have voiced that some CCs are in limbo and not representative of all communities. Roger Cottis asked about more local responsibilities empowered to Elected Members and local committees but resources are required to achieve this. Rob outlined how this CC receives items such as Planning Permission applications.

**CMAL Harbour Development-Armadale**

Roddy welcomed the Mallaig-Armadale STAG and the recent public drop in sessions outlining options and the initial assessments. Rob updated on the project and both the main paper as well as the online and hard copy surveys. This is a 5-10-year programme but it is vital that work is carried out to maintain the infrastructure to support the ferry service. It is expected that the initial STAG findings will be published by the end of May but this will be ultimately be determined by the vessels in service by that time. Minister Paul Wheelhouse MSP is coming to Skye on 3rd May. Roddy was encouraged by the enthusiasm of the CMAL and project staff. A joint pre-meet took place on 26th March with SCT/SCC members meeting the project team. Rob also outlined the short-life steering group for the pier area including speed limits which is expected to meet by end of May.

**Roads/Planning Tourism**

Roddy raised the ongoing issue of potholes with Councillor Finlayson reminding of the damage from Winter 17/18. Funding for Skye was brought forward from 18/19 and this means a shortfall of £1m. Veana said that she understood that 4/5 of the working week for roads is spent in north Skye. Either way the situation will not get better. A new programme of white-lining for road arrows/keep left following the recent campaign by Sharon Anslow and Kate Forbes MSP. There may be also new equipment ordered for local use as at present a Clydebank based company is contracted to do white-lining work. Flora Maclean asked about the erosion along Gillean Bay. Flora will take images and send them to John Finlayson. Jan Macdonald reminded about large motor homes, new signs advising that the road is ‘unsuitable for long vehicles’, but Rob advised that these are not legally binding.

There has been just one PA in March and this was for a camping pod at Ferrindonald. There is no further word on the Motor Home application or pods for FEI. There was some brief discussion about the planning application for the four flats on the approach to Armadale Pier.

Rob advised that Scot Gov proposals to consult on tourism tax has slowed because of the recent announcement by the Cab Secretary for Tourism. John Finlayson spoke about parking charges in HC region and how this potential income could be divided up.

**CalMac Ferry Update**

Rob updated on a number of operational constraints in the first few days of the season and we will hear soon regarding the winter 19/20 service. This will be using the MV Loch Bhrusda which is one of the least comfortable vessels in the fleet.

**Deer Management**

Scottish Woodlands will not join the DMG. Harvesting at Brae Ord is expected this month. It will be off-limits to the public.

**Sleat Community Trust**

Funding for the redevelopment of Armadale Stores area has been fully reached and so plans are being considered by SCT.

**Sleat Development Forum**

This was raised by Rob Ware which had held two meetings led by SCT in 2014. Members discussed the pros and cons as to whether this is something should be considered again in Sleat. It was felt whether this was appropriate to revisit but Councillors decided that it wasn’t worth pursuing at this time.

**English Medium P5-P7**

The EM at SPS is raising funds for a school trip to Glasgow as this group is perceived to receive less than the Gaelic medium. John F reminded that funding from HC is treated equally but additional funds will come from agencies such as Bord na Gaidhlig. There will be a charity café on 4th May. It was thought that whether SCC is able to give some funding, but maybe it was best to wait until after the café to see what the shortfall is.

**Air services to Broadford**

John MacInnes asked what the view was on the airport proposals and that the SCC may be asked in the future for a view and to perhaps offer support to the proposal. The issue of additional funding of £170k will be discussed at the EDI committee.

**AOCB**

None

**Public Discussion**

None

The meeting closed at 2105 and the next meeting is at Ardvasar Hall on 7th Mau